

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Roger LE COMPTE, et. al. Group Art Unit: (not assigned)

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For: DEVICE FOR PROCESSING SAMPLES
OF BLOOD PRODUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the tubes (18) are placed vertically in the cassette (12) and in line with the direction of travel, and in that the means of agitation (30) are arranged to withdraw at least one tube (18) laterally from the cassette and to replace it laterally into the cassette after agitation.

4. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the cassette (12) incorporates flexible U-clips (44) allowing the removal and replacement of a tube by a lateral movement

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